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SUBJECT: REFORM OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM: COMMENTS DURING TLATELOLCO  
CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS A PORTION OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRIVATE PLENARY  
SESSION OF THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT THE CONFERENCE  
OF TLATELOLCO ON FEBRUARY 22, 1974. ON AGENDA ITEM 3,  
RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, THIS TEXT RELATES TO REFTL.

2. THE COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER:

A. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING SOMETHING ON WHICH I THINK WE ALL  
AGREE; THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS NOT ONLY THE OLDEST INTERNA-  
TIONAL SYSTEM BUT HAS HAD MANY NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, PARTICULARLY  
IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION  
AND THE JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES WERE FIRST FORMULATED  
WITHIN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

B. NEVERTHELESS, IN SPITE OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS, IT IS TRUE TO SAY

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THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOW GOING THROUGH A CRISIS. THIS WAS RECOGNIZED BY

THE THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTION NO.127 WHICH RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF ALL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING OF COURSE THAT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES. THAT RESOLUTION ENDORSED THE CRITERION THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO TOTALLY RESTRUCTURE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. (FACIO THEN QUOTED THE RESOLUTION.)  
C. I THINK I CAN DRAW SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS. FIRST, ALL OF US WANT TO MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM. SECOND, ALL OF US WANT TO REVITALIZE IT. THIRDLY, NO ONE WISHES TO EXCLUDE ANYONE, AND ESPECIALLY THE U.S. FROM

THIS INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. I RECALL THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION, AND EVEN U.S. WRITERS MADE THE SUGGESTION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD LEAVE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. ON THE CONTRARY, HOWEVER, IT WAS THE WILL OF THE NATIONS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THIS SYSTEM TO ORGANIZE AND HARMONIZE OUR RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA. THIS IS SOMETHING I BELIEVE DR. KISSINGER HAS RECOGNIZED.

D. OF COURSE WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS, BUT OBVIOUSLY IT'S TRUE THAT ALL OUR INTERESTS CAN'T BE IN COMMON WHEN WE ARE SPEAKING OF ONE POWERFUL NATION LIKE THE UNITED STATES AND A NUMBER OF LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

E. IN THE OAS, WE WANT A FRANK AND OPEN DIALOGUE, WE WANT TO STRUCTURE A SYSTEM OF COOPERATION AND WE WISH TO ELIMINATE ALL VESTIGES OF DEPENDENCY. I SHOULD ADD THAT LATIN AMERICA IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN A RESTRUCTURING OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM. THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR A STUDY OF ALL INSTRUMENTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN, INCLUDING THE INTER-AMERICAN BANK, ALTHOUGH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET BEGUN THIS PART OF ITS WORK.

F. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTED RESOLUTION NO.127, ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS WORKED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE SPECIAL COMMISSION, AND ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS REITERATED HERE THE DESIRE OF HIS COUNTRY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCESS OF REFORM, I MUST POINT OUT THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES HAVE A GENERAL FEELING THAT U.S. PARTICIPATION HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT IN A TRUE SPIRIT OF REFORM.

G. THE U.S. HAS GIVEN THE IMPRESSION OF SEEKING THE STATUS QUO, AND HAS PARTICIPATED BUT LITTLE IN THE RESPONSE TO LATIN PROPOSALS. IT HAS OPPOSED EVEN MINOR REFORMS WITHOUT OFFERING ALTERNATIVES.

H. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS AN EVIDENT CONTRAST BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER'S POSITION THIS MORNING ON ECONOMIC COERCION--HIS POSITION HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BROAD, RESPECTIVE AND SATISFYING--AND THE U.S. POSITION IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

I. I DO NOT WANT TO SOUND UNFAIR. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS NOT PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE. AS DELEGATES THEY RECEIVED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS, AND THEY CAME FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL

OF DR. KISSINGER. FOR THIS REASON THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HELD IN BOGOTA NOTED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO

INTENSIFY THE EFFORTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO RESTRUCTURE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. IT ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY THAT THE UNITED STATES SHARE IN THIS APPROACH TO REFORM AND JOIN IN THESE EFFORTS TO REACH THIS OBJECTIVE. THEREFORE WE HOPE THAT THIS DIALOGUE,

THAT WE ARE AMPLIFYING HERE AT TLATELOLCO, (WILL) CARRY OVER INTO THE OAS AND PARTICULARLY INTO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

A. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF COSTA RICA FOR HIS GENEROUS REMARKS YESTERDAY AT LUNCHEON. I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY BEFORE THIS TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION.

B. WITH REGARD TO THE REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE U.S. POSITION EXPRESSED BEFORE THE OAS SPECIAL COMMISSION AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED HERE, I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED HERE WILL PREVAIL. ONE OF MY ASSOCIATES SEATED BEHIND JUST MUTTERED "THEY'D BETTER".

C. THE BASIC POINT MADE BY THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF COSTA RICA IS PROBABLY CORRECT. THE U.S. HAS PROBABLY NOT DONE ENOUGH AND NOT MADE ENOUGH OF A CONTRIBUTION TO REFORM. FROM THE BASIS OF THIS MEETING, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE MATTER OF REFORM.

D. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE ANY CHANGE THAT IS CONSIDERED WISE BY OUR ASSOCIATES AND THAT MAKES SENSE.

E. THE OAS AND THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS SHOULD BE ADAPTED TO CURRENT REALITIES. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WILL BE CHANGED AS ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS MEETING.

F. WE WILL START WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT AN URGENT EXAMINATION OF THE MATTER OF REVISION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION IS MEETING ON MARCH 6. NOT ALL OF OUR STUDY WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE MEETING BEGINNING MARCH 6, BUT OUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE PREPARED. IT IS NOT ENOUGH THAT WE LISTEN; WE WILL MAKE OUR OWN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRIBUTION--IF NOT AT THE MARCH 6 MEETING, THEN AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER:

A. ANY REFORM OF THE OAS SHOULD BE INTEGRAL AND NOT UNILATERALLY CONDITIONED. COOPERATION SHOULD NOT BE UNILATERALLY CONDITIONED. I SEE HOPE IN THE WORDS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT WE CAN ARRIVE AT SOME NEW PRINCIPLE.

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